receipt of the claim is concerned, as I mentioned, the claim will come after exporting. It takes one year to get the foreign exchange realisation and thereafter, reporting. So, unless they ask for the incentives, it would not be possible. Perhaps, sometime after 10-12 months, the exporters will start claiming and we will be in a position to know it.

Grants for salary of PSE employees

*244. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:††

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under his Ministry have been receiving the budgetary grants to pay salary to their employees;

(b) the details of annual budgetary grant received, PSE-wise; and

(c) what is the criteria on which such grants were given and whether such grants covered all the sick PSEs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Budgetary support to sick and loss making CPSEs are not given in the form of grant, but in the form of loan towards payment of Salary, wages and statutory dues. The details of such CPSEs under Department of Heavy Industry and the budgetary support given to them for the years 2004-05 to 2008-09 are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Criteria on which Budgetary support as loans are extended to CPSEs are:-

(i) The CPSEs are still loss making under the definition given in Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985/Department of Public Enterprises Resolution dated 6.12.2004.

(ii) The CPSEs are unable to pay the salary/wages due to their poor financial conditions.

(iii) The revival/closure plan is pending consideration of Government/BIFR for approval based on recommendations of BRPSE.

No salary/wage support is sought for CPSEs whose Revival plans have been approved and implemented.

Such budgetary supports have covered all sick CPSEs under the Department of Heavy Industry, which are making operational losses.

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††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Santosh Bagrodia.

Statement-I

Details of Budgetary Support for liquidation of pending wages/salary and statutory dues including VRS/VSS dues in PSEs since 2004

S. No.	Name of the PSE	Ist Tranche (Oct., 2004)	IInd Tranche (July, 2005)	IIIrd Tranche (Oct., 2005)	IVth Tranche (June, 2006)	Vth Tranche (Sept., 2006)	VIth Tranche (Jan., 2007	VIIth Tranche (July, 2007)	VIIIth Tranche (Oct., 2007)	IX Tranche (Feb., 2008)	X Tranche (June, 2008)	XI Tranche (Sep., 2008)	XII Tranche (Jan., 2009)	XIII Tranche (March, 2009)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.	Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd.	45.72	16.25	22.75	9.92	1.01	0.00	—	—	—	—	—		
2.	Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd.	14.07	1.86	3.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—	—	—	—		
3.	Andrew Yule and Company Ltd.	32.12	7.22	0.00	29.47	12.77	14.88	23.29	7.95	24.09	—	—		
4.	Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd.	1.95	1.51	0.77	1.79	0.00	0.00	1.12	—	—	—	—		
5.	Burn Standard Co. Ltd.	4.27	1.30	0.65	3.25	1.95	0.00	—	—	—	—	—		
6.	Bharat Wagon Engg. Co. Ltd.	9.10	4.06	2.06	3.40	4.27	4.10	2.24	2.15	2.21	2.51	1.67		
7.	Heavy Engg. Corporation Ltd.	25.65	0.00	0.00	10.18	0.00	0.00	—	—	—	—	—		
8.	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	105.11	63.32	25.22	28.13	39.75	31.29	16.77	20.45	19.96	17.88	31.44	31.34	39.70
9.	HMT (MT) Ltd.	38.28	0.00	5.62	9.92	6.10	7.82	—	—	—	—	—		
10.	HMT Watches Ltd.	30.43	22.11	14.28	18.11	19.93	20.54	10.23	10.42	10.42	12.02	18.88	15.36	25.26

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11.	Hindustan Photo Films Ltd.	3.06	8.74	4.24	5.92	6.93	6.19	5.63	3.24	3.23	3.58	5.14	3.97	6.65
12.	Braithwaite and Co. Ltd.	1.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—		
13.	Cement Corporation of India Ltd.	11.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—		
14.	HMT (Holding) Co. Ltd.	6.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.17	2.44	3.55	2.74	3.15	2.75	5.41	3.75	6.98
15.	HMT (Chinar) Ltd.	5.03	8.83	4.25	4.43	5.78	6.83	3.38	3.97	3.98	3.89	5.33	3.71	3.29
16.	HMT (Bearing) Ltd.	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—		
17.	Praga Tools Ltd.	2.97	1.52	1.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—		
18.	Instrumentation Ltd.	33.64	2.14	0.00	8.02	7.63	6.64	3.88	5.88	3.97	3.83	8.95	5.71	8.73
19.	NEPA Ltd.	12.86	8.95	5.06	7.07	3.26	8.68	4.33	4.43	4.41	—	—	5.99	6.26
20.	National Instruments Ltd.	3.90	0.46	0.25	0.27	0.33	0.34	0.29	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.29		
21.	Triveni Structurals Ltd.	17.80	1.09	1.69	2.26	2.40	2.47	1.49	1.27	1.35	1.30	1.56	1.15	1.74
22.	Tunghbhadra Steel Products Ltd.	5.06	0.88	2.14	2.60	3.09	1.21	1.05	0.50	0.51	0.54	1.03	0.86	1.24
23.	Richardson and Cruddas Ltd.	1.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—		
24.	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.	4.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—		
25.	Scooters India Ltd.													9.45
	TOTAL	517.43	150.24	93.41	144.74	124.37	113.43	77.25	63.20	77.48	48.52	79.70	71.84	109.30

2004-05 = Rs. 517.43 crore, 2005-06 = Rs. 243.65 crore, 2006-07 = Rs. 382.54 crore, 2007-08 = Rs. 217.93 crore, 2008-09 = Rs. 309.36 crore.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, it is a very serious matter. Even before I ask my supplementary, I request you if you could allow Half-an-Hour discussion on this. Sir, you can take a decision on this after the supplementaries because these industries, the list of which the hon. Minister has given, are handled by BRPSE for years. I don't know, but, some of them have been handled for 10, 12, 15 years and they are sick. No decision is being taken. And also, it is noticed, in some cases, the payment is made in the first tranche. I don't know what it means. ...*(Interruptions)*... First instalment! Now, first instalment, second instalment and it goes up to 12 or 13 instalments, but, in different years. In some cases, you have given all the instalments; in some cases, you have given only one instalment; in some cases, you have given two instalments; and the Budget allocation is always Rs.150 crores whereas the payment made in one year is Rs.517.43 crores; in another year, it is Rs.243.65; then, it is Rs.382.54 and like that. I would like to know from the hon. Minister: What is the sanctity of this kind of decision-making? The workers in all the PSUs are our responsibility. Either we pay them in full till we close the unit which is our responsibility or we close the unit and absorb them in some other PSU. What is your long-term plan for this?

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: Sir, I would like to inform the hon. Member that this decision was taken in 2004. It is not that the cases are pending before BRPSE since 12 years or 15 years. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: They were with BIFR.

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: Sir, the BIFR is under SICA. It is a general thing.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: It is the same thing.

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: Sir, it is applicable for private industry and public industry. But, we have created this particular BRPSE to tackle the problem of all public sector units. So, it was done in 2004 and some of the companies were not in a position to pay wages and salaries to their workers. Even they were not in a position to pay the statutory dues. That's why, the whole atmosphere was very vicious. So, unless and until some help is given by the Government, these companies would not have run properly. That is the reason, in 2004, the Government took a very positive decision and started paying their salaries and wages and, to a certain extent, their statutory dues. But, why are we giving it in instalments? Because they should not feel that now Government is ready to pay our salary, so it is better not to work much. So, that tendency should not come in. That was the reason. We judge the performance every three months. If they are in a position to pay their salaries...*(Interruptions)*... It is not the permanent responsibility of the Government to pay their salaries. Because they must revive their own style of working and they must make, at least, a working profit. That was the whole idea. That is the reason for our starting with 24 industries in 2004. Now, it has been reduced to 10. So, gradually, their performance is being improved, and slowly and slowly, we have stopped giving the salary loan.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, I beg to differ with the hon. Minister saying that it is not the responsibility of the Government. When the Government owns it, I think, it is the responsibility of the Government to look after the welfare of the workers. We have to provide for it. We cannot withdraw our responsibility on this, and saying that this is being given as loan, I mean, I have corrected him by saying that BRPSU or BIFR is the same thing. They are two sister organizations. That is why I said 15-20 years. But as regards giving a loan, can you tell me one thing? Has a single loan come back? Do you really think it will come back? Are we not putting a clause of loan which is not really true? We are pulling ourselves by saying that we are giving a loan which will never come back.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the supplementary?

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Why don't we say it is an aid and why not we decide that if we have... *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Ask your question.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: That is why I said, we want Half an Hour Discussion on this issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, this is not the time for Half an Hour Discussion.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: I agree with you. I am only asking a question. He has mentioned that statutory dues have also not been paid. If they are independent companies, and if statutory dues are not paid by them, there is a law for non-payment of statutory dues, and action has to be taken. Has any action been taken against any PSU because of non-payment of statutory dues?

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: Sir, I never said that it is not the responsibility of the Government. But, at the same time, I told that the companies have to improve their performance. If you take a permanent responsibility of paying their salaries, the company may not perform because they may think that the Government has taken a guarantee now; they are paying our salary every month; so, nobody will perform. That is the reason why we treat it as a loan. If we treat it as a grant, then nobody will perform. And you know the problem as to what is happening in the public sector industries. So, we create a kind of atmosphere so that they start working more, and all these companies have been referred to the BRPSU so that they can have their revival plan. Once the revival plan is granted, we immediately stop paying the salaries.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: That means, a slip has come. You can see that.

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: I don't need the slip right now because you are so cooperative with me. So, I don't know if there is any slip. The point is that as has rightly been said that it is the responsibility of the Government to pay their salaries, but to a certain limit, not beyond that, and we want to see that all these public sector companies should start working in an efficient manner.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, if wishes can become horses, then, everything is fine. Simply hoping is not going to solve a problem. I am not on the supplementary, I am on the main question. What is the plan of the Government to bring them back to their regular health so that there is no need for Government intervention? Do you have a long-term revival plan or alternative plan? What exactly is the plan before the Government? You must have a map. 2004 to 2009, five years have gone. You must have had a discussion, and then what is the map? Was there any consultation with the Finance Ministry or was there any discussion within the Government? If not, are you going to initiate a discussion and find a long-term solution to this situation?

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: See, the hon. Member has asked a very important question, and specially when we appointed the Board of Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises. That is the reason why this advisory committee was appointed and we have recommended, we have referred 26 companies performance. Out of that, 19 companies have been recommended by the BRPSU saying that out of 19 companies, 2 to be finally closed down, and the remaining should have a revival plan, and for that revival plan, the department referred it back to the Finance Minister and they are giving a waiver of loan. They stand guarantee for raising fresh loan... or they are allowed to have a joint venture in the Company. So, this is the proposal which was recommended by the BRPSE. We have already sanctioned 15 such proposals, and things are now on the path of improvement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Rangarajan.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: There is a good news, Sir. It is raining outside!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what is the position of the Hindustan Photo Film, which we have represented several times,—and I have also written a letter to the Minister—whether that package has come from the BRPSE and whether the Tamil Nadu Government has approached the Central Government to reopen this revival package from the Central Government.

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: Sir, this Hindustan Photo Film Ltd. Is a Company situated at Ooty in Tamil Nadu. I have already written a letter to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to, please, have a joint venture with the Government of India so that this Company can run. Now, coming to the main proposal, recently, I had a meeting with our CMD and other Board members. They requested the Government to, at least, make a provision of Rs.30 crores so that Company could revive immediately; this proposal we have initiated with the Finance Department, and we will see that these Rs.30 crores are released as soon as possible so that this Company can start functioning properly.

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Thank you.

DR. N. JANARDHANA REDDY: Sir, Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd., as mentioned here, situated in Visakhapatnam, has been merged with the BHEL, and the whole industry has been revived. I would like to know from the hon. Minister the present situation of the payment of salaries of these employees and other things. This is one of the biggest and finest institutions of the country.

SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH: Sir, so far as this Company, situated in Visakhapatnam, is concerned, it has now been taken over as a sister company of BHEL, and that Board has also been taken over. Because there was a problem of giving some new salary package, and that was pending for long, I am told now that the BHEL Board has taken a decision, and very soon, the new pay-scales will be given to the workers in the factory. I don't think, they will have any more problems because BHEL is a very strong Company; that can take care of the employees working in that particular Unit.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q.245. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will you please consider my request?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: What about my request for having a Half-an-Hour Discussion? Sir, I request you to consider that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will take it up, and this will be discussed in the meeting. Q.245, please.

Vizhinjam Container Transshipment Project

*245. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:††
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the impasse into which the Vizhinjam Container Transshipment Project has fallen following the revocation of its tender bid by the Hyderabad based Lanco Kondapally led consortium;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to intervene and find a way out to complete the project within three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (d) Vizhinjam Port is a Non-Major Port. As per Indian Ports Act, 1908, Non-Major Ports are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments. The responsibility for development of Vizhinjam Port, therefore, vests with the Government of Kerala.

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††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri M.P. Achuthan.